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MILK PRODUCTION DROPS 8 PERCENT

OKLAHOMA: Milk production on Oklahoma farms in 1973 dipped to 1,140 million pounds, down 8 percent or 95 million pounds from the 1972 total, according to the Oklahoma Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Milk production for the fourth quarter (October-December) of 1973 was 262 million pounds, down 25 million or 9 percent from the same period a year ago.

The number of milk cows in Oklahoma during 1973 averaged 130,000 head, compared to 136,000 for 1972. For December, the average number of milk cows was 126,000 head, 8,000 below the December 1972 number.

The annual average production per cow for 1973 was 8,769 pounds, 312 pounds below the previous year's record high level.

UNITED STATES: Total milk production was 115.6 billion pounds in 1973, 3.6 percent less than the revised estimate of 119.9 billion pounds produced in 1972. The annual average number of milk cows on farms in 1973 was a record low--11,419,000, down 2 percent from 11,698,000 in 1972. Output per cow in 1973 was 10,125 pounds, down 1 percent from 1972. This marked the first time since 1944 that production per cow has declined from the previous year. The revised estimates for 1972 and 1973 are based on an annual review of more complete production and utilization data.

OKLAHOMA: MILK COWS ON FARMS, MONTHLY PRODUCTION PER COW,
AND TOTAL MILK PRODUCTION, 1973, WITH COMPARISONS

| Month | Milk Cows on Farms | | | Monthly Production Per Cow | | | Total Milk Production | | |
|-----------|--------------------|------|------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 |
| | - Thousands - | | | - Pounds - | | | - Million Pounds - | | |
| January | 140 | 138 | 134 | 740 | 710 | 705 | 104 | 98 | 94 |
| February | 140 | 138 | 133 | 685 | 705 | 665 | 96 | 97 | 88 |
| March | 141 | 138 | 133 | 780 | 780 | 760 | 110 | 108 | 101 |
| April | 141 | 138 | 132 | 795 | 805 | 765 | 112 | 111 | 101 |
| May | 141 | 138 | 132 | 830 | 840 | 835 | 117 | 116 | 110 |
| June | 140 | 137 | 132 | 790 | 795 | 765 | 111 | 109 | 101 |
| July | 140 | 136 | 130 | 780 | 795 | 765 | 109 | 108 | 99 |
| August | 140 | 136 | 129 | 745 | 760 | 745 | 104 | 103 | 96 |
| September | 139 | 135 | 128 | 710 | 725 | 690 | 99 | 98 | 88 |
| October | 139 | 134 | 127 | 720 | 740 | 695 | 100 | 99 | 88 |
| November | 139 | 134 | 127 | 705 | 695 | 680 | 98 | 93 | 86 |
| December | 138 | 134 | 126 | 725 | 710 | 700 | 100 | 95 | 88 |
| Annual | 140 | 136 | 130 | 9,000 | 9,081 | 8,769 | 1,260 | 1,235 | 1,140 |

MILK PRICES CLIMB

During the last quarter of 1973, Oklahoma milk producers received prices which averaged more than \$2.00 per hundredweight above those in the comparable period in 1972. The October price was up \$1.70 from a year earlier; the November price was up \$1.93; and the December price, at \$9.30 per hundredweight, was \$2.45 higher. The average fat test for all milk during the final quarter of 1973 was 3.72 percent, down 9 points from the same period in 1972.

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OKLAHOMA: PRICES AND MILKFAT CONTENT OF MILK SOLD TO PLANTS

| MONTH | Milk Price Per 100 Pounds | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------|---------|-------------|------|---------|--------------------|------|---------|
| | All Milk | | | Fluid Milk | | | Manufacturing Milk | | |
| | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 1/ | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 1/ | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 1/ |
| | - Dollars - | | | - Dollars - | | | - Dollars - | | |
| July | 6.00 | 5.85 | 6.70 | 6.20 | 6.10 | 6.95 | 4.55 | 4.70 | 5.55 |
| August | 6.05 | 6.00 | 7.05 | 6.30 | 6.30 | 7.25 | 4.55 | 4.75 | 6.10 |
| September | 6.40 | 6.25 | 7.75 | 6.65 | 6.55 | 8.00 | 4.65 | 4.85 | 6.40 |
| October | 6.50 | 6.40 | 8.10 | 6.75 | 6.65 | 8.30 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 6.90 |
| November | 6.55 | 6.70 | 8.63 | 6.80 | 7.00 | 8.85 | 4.80 | 5.20 | 7.30 |
| December | 6.55 | 6.85 | 9.30 | 6.80 | 7.10 | 9.55 | 4.90 | 5.30 | 7.60 |
| Milkfat Content | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Percent - | | | - Percent - | | | - Percent - | | |
| July | 3.44 | 3.43 | 3.40 | 3.44 | 3.41 | 3.39 | 3.47 | 3.49 | 3.46 |
| August | 3.47 | 3.42 | 3.43 | 3.47 | 3.41 | 3.42 | 3.49 | 3.45 | 3.48 |
| September | 3.53 | 3.51 | 3.56 | 3.53 | 3.50 | 3.56 | 3.56 | 3.58 | 3.58 |
| October | 3.63 | 3.64 | 3.67 | 3.63 | 3.62 | 3.67 | 3.62 | 3.74 | 3.69 |
| November | 3.72 | 3.88 | 3.73 | 3.72 | 3.89 | 3.73 | 3.72 | 3.84 | 3.73 |
| December | 3.78 | 3.91 | 3.77 | 3.78 | 3.92 | 3.77 | 3.77 | 3.87 | 3.74 |

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BUTTER PRODUCTION STEADY - ICE CREAM UP

Production of butter in Oklahoma for 1973 totaled 21,345,000 pounds, down only 1 percent from the 1972 production. Ice cream production for 1973 reached 7,105,000 gallons, 4 percent above the 6,817,000 gallons produced in 1972.

OKLAHOMA: BUTTER AND ICE CREAM PRODUCTION

| MONTH | Butter | | | Ice Cream 1/ | | |
|-----------|---------------------|--------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|
| | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 2/ | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 2/ |
| | - Thousand Pounds - | | | - Thousand Gallons - | | |
| January | 2,740 | 2,215 | 2,870 | 337 | 433 | 430 |
| February | 2,445 | 2,100 | 2,180 | 417 | 499 | 505 |
| March | 3,009 | 2,335 | 1,995 | 419 | 582 | 585 |
| April | 2,743 | 2,120 | 1,870 | 456 | 543 | 540 |
| May | 2,619 | 2,389 | 1,940 | 490 | 603 | 690 |
| June | 2,069 | 1,737 | 1,440 | 541 | 684 | 750 |
| July | 1,909 | 1,256 | 1,060 | 587 | 717 | 760 |
| August | 1,668 | 766 | 1,210 | 584 | 688 | 695 |
| September | 1,381 | 737 | 1,150 | 583 | 618 | 585 |
| October | 1,585 | 1,350 | 1,620 | 517 | 627 | 685 |
| November | 1,756 | 2,024 | 1,850 | 439 | 419 | 465 |
| December | 2,038 | 2,562 | 2,160 | 394 | 404 | 415 |
| Total | 25,122 | 21,591 | 21,345 | 5,764 | 6,817 | 7,105 |

1/ Includes ice cream produced both wholesale and retail. 2/ Preliminary.

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